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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Shukti Chakravarti

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For: GENE EXPRESSION PROFILING
OF INFLAMMATORY DISEASE

Customer No.: 20350

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Examiner: Padmashri Ponnaluri

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1639

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 28, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with a Petition for a two-month extension of time accompany the present response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.